

LOUISIANA WILD LIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA

AUGUST 23, 1966

1. Approval of the Minutes of the Meetings of July 25 and 26, 1966
CORRECTION - Page 8 Mourning Dove season date for the third period should be Dec. 16, 1966 to Jan. 15, 1967 (31 days). (2)
2. Proposed changes in Calcasieu Lake Oyster Season - approved (2)
3. Introduction of new Director to the Commission - Dr. L. L. Glasgow (3)
4. Approval of the opening of the Sister Lake Seed Oyster Reservation (4)
5. Approval of request for permit to dredge in the Mississippi River by T. L. James & Company. (5)
6. Approval of request from R. L. Prichard Consultants in behalf of Vaughn Petroleum, Inc. to utilize and existing access canal servicing State Lease 4090 on Marsh Island Refuge. (5)
7. Approval of request from Humble Oil & Refining Co. to extend production facilities on Marsh Island Refuge. (6)
8. Approval of Central La. Electric Co. application for right-of-way across a portion of the Saline Wildlife Management Area for the purpose of installing an electric line. (7)
9. Approval of La. Delta Plantation request for right-of-way on Saline Wildlife Management Area. (8)
10. 1966-67 Waterfowl Season framework from the U.S. Department of the Interior. (10)
11. 1966-67 Doe Season. (13)
12. 1966-67 Trapping Season. (14)
13. Approval to request Div. of Admin. to advertise for sale of 13.7 acres of Russell Sage GMA. (15)
14. Fencing around Saline Game Management Area. (16)
15. Other business

PROCEEDINGS OF MEETINGS
OF THE
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The regular monthly meetings of the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission were held in New Orleans on Monday and Tuesday, August 22 and 23, 1966.

Monday's meeting consisted of conferences with Division Chiefs, and the preparation of the Agenda for the Tuesday meeting.

The Public Meeting was held on Tuesday, August 23, 1966, at 10:00 A.M., in Room 226, Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission Building, New Orleans, Louisiana.

Members present at both meetings were:

Jimmie Thompson, Chairman

H. B. Fairchild, Vice-Chairman

A. J. Buquet

Jerry G. Jones

John Edwin Kyle, Jr.

Hobson Norris

H. Clay Wright

ABSENT: None

Chairman Thompson called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M. and stated that the first order of business is the approval of the minutes of the meeting of July 25 and 26, 1966.

Chairman Thompson said that before requesting approval there is a correction to be made. On page 8, the third period or date for the Mourning Dove season should read "December 16, 1966 to January 15, 1967 (31 days)". On motion of Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Kyle, the reading of the minutes of the Regular meetings, held on July 25 and 26, 1966, was dispensed with and proper correction made on page 8 to be inserted. Thus, the minutes were approved.

Chairman Thompson then called on Dr. St. Amant for the next item on the agenda.

Dr. St. Amant said that in past years Calcasieu Lake which is a natural oyster growing area has been fished on an annual basis. Reproduction and growth has not been sufficient to maintain a sustained yield and production has declined. In all probability this area should be placed on an alternate year harvesting plan similar to our seed oyster reservations. Dr. St. Amant recommended that the Calcasieu Lake Oyster Season be closed this year and that this lake be opened on an alternate year basis when the oyster population again reached a harvestable level.

On motion of Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Buquet, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, in the past years Calcasieu Lake, which is a natural oyster growing area, has been fished on an annual basis, and

WHEREAS, reproduction and growth has not been sufficient to maintain a sustained yield and production has declined.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby close the oyster season in Calcasieu Lake for the coming season and until the oyster crop reaches a point suitable for harvest. When the oyster season in Calcasieu Lake is reopened harvesting shall be on an alternate year basis.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director be and is hereby authorized and empowered to sign any and all documents in connection therewith.

Chairman Thompson asked for the floor in order to introduce Dr. Glasgow to those who were not present on Tuesday, August 16, 1966 when Dr. Glasgow was given the Oath of Office. Chairman Thompson said that the Commission is extremely proud to have Dr. Glasgow as the Director and feel that they could not have chosen a more qualified man for the job being that his professional background is in the biological field. Chairman Thompson said that he is sure that Dr. Glasgow will make a fine record for the Commission and a person who will serve the State of Louisiana to the best of his ability, for which we can all be proud.

Dr. Glasgow said that he is taking his job with great enthusiasm. He stated that he is going to push the programs presently being carried out and he felt that there are many good ones. Dr. Glasgow

said he will also initiate new programs as well as improving the projects already established.

Chairman Thompson said that he would also like to commend the Governor of our State for the excellent counselling given to the Commission and said that he was glad to see the precedent broken, which had been set for many years, by choosing a professional man for this job.

Chairman Thompson then called Dr. St. Amant to the floor for the next item on the agenda.

Dr. St. Amant stated the management policy of seed oyster reservations based on several years research indicates that maximum production is only attained on an alternate year harvesting plan. Such a plan has been operated with respect to Sister Lake for the past seven years. Dr. St. Amant said that since Sister Lake was closed during the 1965-66 season the management plan designates that it be open during the 1966-67 season beginning September 1, 1966 and extending to May 20, 1967. A recent survey of the lake indicates that the present oyster crop is well above normal and further substantiates the successful use of alternate year harvesting.

On motion of Mr. Buquet, seconded by Mr. Fairchild, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby designate that the Sister Lake oyster seed

reservation be open during the 1966-67 season beginning September 1, 1966 and extending to May 20, 1967.

Dr. St. Amant said that a request was also received from T. L. James & Company for a permit to dredge for fill material in the Mississippi River near Meraux, La. Dr. St. Amant said the request has been examined and it is found that it meets with the requirements set forth by this Commission and therefore recommended that the permit be granted.

On motion of Mr. Kyle, seconded by Mr. Norris, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby grant permission to the T. L. James & Company to dredge in the Mississippi River, between Miles 86.8 and 87.35 near Mereaux, Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director be and he is hereby authorized and empowered to sign any and all documents in connection therewith.

Chairman Thompson called on Mr. Allan Ensminger for the next item on the agenda.

Mr. Ensminger said that the Commission has received a request from R. L. Prichard Consultants in behalf of Vaughn Petroleum, Inc. to utilize an existing access canal servicing State Lease 4090, Superior Well No. 2, on Marsh Island Wildlife Refuge. This Company is acquiring a farmout from Superior and their expiration date is September 16, 1966. Mr. Ensminger stated that this request has been

examined by Commission personnel and can find no objection to the Vaughn Petroleum, Inc. to re-enter Superior's dry hole and deepen it and recommended that the Commission grant permission.

On motion of Mr. Buquet, seconded by Mr. Wright, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby grant permission to Vaughn Petroleum, Inc., to utilize an existing access canal servicing State Lease 4090, Superior Well No. 2, on Marsh Island Wildlife Refuge, provided Vaughn Petroleum, Inc. is in agreement with the Commission's terms and conditions.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director be and is hereby authorized and empowered to sign any and all documents in connection therewith.

Mr. Ensminger said that a request had also been received from Humble Oil & Refining Company requesting permission to install certain production facilities in conjunction with State Lease 3209 and 3498 located on Marsh Island Wildlife Refuge in Iberia Parish. He said that this proposal has been examined and found to be in order provided certain terms and conditions are agreed upon.

On motion of Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Fairchild, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby grant permission to the Humble Oil & Refining Company to install certain production facilities in conjunction with

with State Lease 3209 and 3498 located on Marsh Island Wildlife Refuge in Iberia Parish, Louisiana, provided certain terms and conditions are stipulated in the agreement for the protection of wildlife and fisheries resources.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director be and is hereby authorized and empowered to sign any and all documents in connection therewith.

Chairman Thompson called on Mr. Herring to tell the Commission about the application for right-of-way received from the Central Louisiana Electric Company.

Mr. Herring said that the Central Louisiana Electric Company has made application to the Commission to put a line in Sections 25, 26, 27 and 34, Township 5 North, Range 4 East, in LaSalle Parish which is located on the Saline Wildlife Management Area. Mr. Herring said a right-of-way in this vicinity would be beneficial from the standpoint of creating an opening which will be utilized by wildlife at a future time as the Saline Wildlife Management Area becomes more prominent. Mr. Herring recommended that the Central Louisiana Electric Company be granted this right-of-way provided certain stipulations and conditions are in agreement.

On motion of Mr Wright, seconded by Mr. Norris, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, the Central Louisiana Electric Company has applied for a right-of-way across a portion of the Saline Wildlife Management area, and

WHEREAS, the Central Louisiana Electric Company will clear said right-of-way to the ground level with a bull dozer, and all trees, shrubs and brush will be burned, and

WHEREAS, the Central Louisiana Electric Company shall pay the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission the market value, on a stumpage basis, of any timber damaged or removed in connection with the construction and erection of said electric lines, and

WHEREAS, the Central Louisiana Electric Company will make available electric service from the right-of-way, if the need should arise in the future.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby grant permission to the Central Louisiana Electric Company for the right-of-way to extend their electric lines across a portion of the Saline Wildlife Management Area for the purpose of installing an electric line. That portion being located in Sections 25, 26, 27 and 34, Township 5 North, Range 4 East, in LaSalle Parish, Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director be and is hereby authorized and empowered to sign any and all documents in connection therewith.

Mr. Herring said that a request has also been received from the Louisiana Delta Plantation for a right-of-way across the Saline Wildlife Management Area. The Louisiana Delta Plantation, a joint venture of Morrison Quirk Grain Corporation, Hastings, Nebraska, and Morrison Grain Company of Salina Kansas has applied for an

easement to construct a road across a portion of the Saline Wildlife Management Area in Section 12, Township 6 North, Range 4 East, LaSalle Parish. Mr. Herring said that this road will be a benefit to the overall work program on the Saline Wildlife Management Area in that it will give the Commission access to areas that would otherwise be inaccessible. This will aid in the efficient operation of carrying out the overall program on the area. Mr. Herring said that in view of this fact, it is recommended that the Commission grant this request for an easement for the right-of-way across the Saline Wildlife Management Area.

On motion of Mr. Kyle, seconded by Mr. Fairchild, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby grant permission to the Louisiana Delta Plantation, a joint venture of Morrison Quirk Grain Corporation, Hastings, Nebraska, and Morrison Grain Company of Salina, Kansas, for an easement to construct a road across a portion of the Saline Wildlife Management Area in Section 12, Township 6 North, Range 4 East, LaSalle Parish.

To-Wit:

That strip of land along the South line of the Northeast quarter of Section 12, Township 6 North, Range 4 East 80 feet wide and approximately 1,584 feet long to intersect the Hunt Oil road in the Highland Farm in the East half of the Northwest quarter of Section 12.

This permission is granted provided the above mentioned firm agrees to the following stipulations:

- (a) That all trees, shrubs and brush cleared from the right-of-way will be disposed of by burning.
- (b) That this corporation shall pay the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission the market value, on a stumpage basis, of any timber damaged or removed in connection with the construction of said road.
- (c) That the corporation agrees to allow Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission personnel or its assignees access on this road and the adjoining road being constructed at any and all times.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director be and is hereby authorized and empowered to sign any and all documents in connection therewith.

Chairman Thompson asked Mr. Herring to tell the Commission about the 1966-67 Waterfowl Season.

Mr. Herring stated that the U. S. Department of the Interior has announced the waterfowl framework for the 1966-67 season. All States are offered the privilege of selecting split seasons for ducks within any option, subject to a 10 percent penalty in the total number of shooting days. All States are offered the privilege of selecting split seasons for geese without penalty in the total number of shooting days. The daily shooting hours for taking waterfowl and coots in all flyways will be from 1/2 hour before sunrise until sunset, including opening days. Mr. Herring stated

that the framework for the duck and coot season is between the outside dates of Saturday, October 8, 1966 and Sunday, January 8, 1967 which is for 45 consecutive days or a split season totaling 41 days with the basic limits on ducks other than mergansers of 4 daily and 8 in possession. The daily bag limit on coots is 10 and the possession limit is 20. Mr. Herring said the daily bag limit of duck other than mergansers may not include more of the following species than: (a) 2 wood ducks; (b) 2 canvasbacks; and (c) 2 mallards. The possession limit may not include more of the following species than: (a) 4 wood ducks; (b) 4 canvasbacks; and (c) 4 mallards.

On motion of Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Kyle, the following resolution was adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby set the dates for the 1966-67 duck and coot season to begin on November 18 and end on January 1, 1967, 45 consecutive days. The daily shooting hours for taking waterfowl and coots in Louisiana shall be from 1/2 hour before sunrise until sunset, including opening days.

The basic bag limits on ducks other than mergansers will be 4 daily and 8 in possession. The daily bag limit on coots shall be 10 and the possession limit 20. The daily bag limit of ducks other than mergansers may not include more of the following species than: (a) 2 wood ducks; (b) 2 canvasbacks; and (c) 2 mallards. The possession limit may not include more of the following species than:

(a) 4 wood ducks; (b) 4 canvasbacks; and (c) 4 mallards.

In that portion of the State of Louisiana lying south and east of a line starting at the intersection of U. S. Highway 90 and the Louisiana-Texas State line; thence east following U. S. Highway 90 to its intersection with U. S. Highway 61; thence northwesterly following U. S. Highway 61 to the junction with U. S. Highway 51; thence north following U. S. Highway 51 to its intersection with U. S. Highway 190; thence easterly following U. S. Highway 190 to its intersection with the Louisiana-Mississippi State line, a daily bag limit of 2 and a possession limit of 4 scaup and ringneck ducks, singly or in the aggregate of these species, are allowed in addition to the basic limits on ducks other than mergansers.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the other regulations relating to the hunting of migratory waterfowl, as announced by the U. S. Department of the Interior, are also adopted.

Chairman Thompson asked for a show of hands on the decision of the dates for the duck and coot season. Mr. Jones, Mr. Kyle, Mr. Wright, and Mr. Fairchild voted in favor of the dates of November 18 to January 1, 45 consecutive days. Mr. Thompson, Mr. Buquet, and Mr. Norris voted against. The vote was four (4) to three (3) in favor and the motion was carried.

Mr. Herring said the second part of the regulations was the goose season which can be set between the outside dates of Saturday, October 1, 1966 and Sunday, January 15, 1967 and all States in the Flyway may select an open season on geese of 70 consecutive days or

a split season totaling 70 days with a daily bag and possession limit of 5 geese. There shall be no open season on Canada geese in the State. The daily bag and possession limits may not include, in the alternative, more than 2 white-fronted geese. Mr. Herring said that the Fish and Game Division recommends November 7, 1966 to January 15, 1967, giving a late goose season.

On motion of Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Kyle, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby set the 1966-67 goose season to begin on November 7, 1966 and end on January 15, 1967, being 70 consecutive days with a daily bag and possession limit of 5 geese. There shall be no open season on Canada geese in the State of Louisiana. The daily bag and possession limits may not include, in the alternative, more than 2 white-fronted geese.

Mr. Herring was asked to tell the Commission about the doe deer season.

Mr. Herring said that earlier in the year the Commission sent notices to the Parish Police Juries concerning the archery doe deer season. The Police Juries have the authority to veto doe deer season and it is their privilege to make the request to cancel this portion of the season if they so desire. Mr. Herring said that the Commission has received a request from the Iberville Parish Police Jury that their parish be deleted from the doe season for the upcoming archery season. The Plaquemines Parish Police Jury has requested

that all deer seasons be cancelled due to last year's hurricane. Mr. Herring said that the Commission's field personnel have made periodic checks in Plaquemines Parish and see no reason for such a closure. It is the recommendation of the Fish and Game Division that all seasons including deer remain open with the exception of the taking of doe deer during archery season.

On motion of Mr. Buquet, seconded by Mr. Jones, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby declare that there will be no doe deer season during the 1966-67 archery season in Iberville and Plaquemines Parish.

Chairman Thompson called on Mr. Ted O'Neil to tell the Commission of the next item on the agenda.

Mr. O'Neil stated the recommendations for the 1966-67 trapping season for the State of Louisiana and requested that the trapping season in St. Bernard and portions of Plaquemines Parish lying East of the Mississippi River bounded on the South by Pointe-a-la-Hache boat channel, be excluded and held for discussion until the September Board Meeting.

On motion of Mr. Buquet, seconded by Mr. Wright, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby set the following dates for the 1966-67 Trapping Season:

MUSKRAT AND BEAVER - December 1, 1966 through February 28, 1967.

NUTRIA - November 20, 1966 through February 28, 1967.

MINK - November 20, 1966 through January 10, 1967.

ALL OTHER BURBEARERS - November 20, 1966 through February 20, 1967.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the trapping season in St. Bernard Parish and the portions of Plaquemines Parish lying East of the Mississippi River bounded on the South by Pointe-a-la-Hache boat channel, are hereby excluded and to be set at a later date.

Chairman Thompson called on Mr. Yancey to tell the Commission of the sale of 13.7 acres of the Russell Sage Game Management Area.

Mr. Yancey said during the last session of the legislature, Act No. 16 was passed which directs the Division of Administration to advertise for sale 13.7 acres of the Russell Sage Game Management Area. The Division of Administration would like to have an expression from the Commission relative to this sale. Mr. Yancey said that this land was appraised about a year ago at \$1,100.00 per acre by an appraiser employed by the Commission. It was purchased in 1960 for \$29.00 per acre.

On motion of Mr. Norris, seconded by Mr. Fairchild, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby request the Division of Administration to advertise for sale 13.7 acres of the Russell Sage Game Management Area, situated in Section 8, Township 18 North, Range 4 East and that said property be sold to the highest bidder after approval by the Commission and in accordance with Senate Bill 120, Act No. 16 of 1966.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director be and is hereby authorized and empowered to sign any and all documents in connection therewith.

Chairman Thompson asked Mr. Yancey to tell the Commission about the fencing around the Saline Wildlife Management Area.

Mr. Yancey said that the Division of Administration has been requested to advertise for bids to fence that part of the Saline Wildlife Management Area that lies between Highway 28 and Larto Lake. Plans and specifications were prepared by the Fish and Game Division. This fence is a major project since a total of 31 miles of new fence will have to be constructed and 7 miles of existing fence added on to. A combination of net wire, barbed wire and creosote posts will be used. IT is suggested that the Commission adopt a resolution announcing the construction of this fence, since many livestock owners are involved, and decide upon a date for removal of livestock from this portion of the Saline Wildlife Management Area.

On motion of Mr. Kyle, seconded by Mr. Buquet, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission has purchased 60,000 acres of land in LaSalle and Catahoula Parishes for the purpose of establishing a game management area, and

WHEREAS, surveys around the perimeter of this land have been completed and a wildlife development program initiated, including the installation of public camping areas, boat launching ramps, and

habitat improvement projects, and

WHEREAS, greatly increased amounts of browse for deer and mast for other types of forest game can be provided only by fencing the property and removing the livestock, and

WHEREAS, forest lands in northeast Louisiana are being rapidly cleared for agricultural purposes thereby making it mandatory that this area be fully developed as soon as possible in regard to increasing numbers of deer, squirrel, rabbits, and turkey, and

WHEREAS, reforestation and the full potential of the area for wildlife cannot be realized until the Saline Wildlife Management Area has been fenced.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission shall construct a livestock proof fence around that part of the Saline Wildlife Management Area lying between Highway 28 and Larto Lake in 1966 and 1967, and

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the owners of livestock on this area be notified and requested to remove same by December 31, 1967.

Chairman Thompson asked if there was any further business to come before the Commission. There being no further business to be conducted, on motion of Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Norris, the meeting was adjourned.

Leslie L. Glasgow

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Director